(e) Ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 28·76 crores had been approved for relief in the wake of the demage caused by floods in Andhra Pradesh during 1988.

Foodgrains production below potential

1237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the higher foodgrains production in the country during 1988-89 as against the production during 1987-88 would be far below the created potential;

(b) if so, by what percentage the anticipated higher foodgrains in the country is likely to fall short of the created 'potential'; and

(c) what is the foodgrains production target by 2001 stating the basis on which the production target has been anticipated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The target of production of foodgrains during 1988-89 at 166·57 million tonnes was fixed taking into consideration the created potential. Production of total foodgrains in the country during 1988-89 is expected to be in the range of 166·57--170 million tonnes as against the production of 138·41 million tonnes in 1987-88.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the long term perspective of the Seventh Plan the target of production of foodgrains of 235-240 million tonnes has been projected for 1999- 2000. The perspective plan for agriculture development aims at maintaining self-sufficiency in foodgrains with the objective to maximize productivity of resources and to promote conservation and environmental protection so as to arrest the degradati on of the natural endowments of soil, water and other resources.

Export of sugar

1238. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been exploring the possibility of exporting sugar from the country;

(b) if so, what is the anticipated rise in the sugar production in the country and what percentage of the total sugar production is proposed to be exported stating the countries of export and the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof; and

(c) whether to achieve higher sugar production and to meet the export requirements Government propose to give any incentives to the sugar Industry in the country; if so, the decision by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Taking into account the fact that the sugar production in the country during the current sugar season 1988-89 (October-September, 1989) was likely to be more than the production of 91·10 lakh tonnes of sugar achieved during the previous season, the Government had decided to export some quantity of sugar during the current season. The final quantum of exports and the countries to which the exports are proposed and the foreign exchange likely to be earned, would depend upon the total production during the current season, availability of sugar for internal consum-

ption and export and the best commercial interest that are likely to accrue depending upon the prices of sugar in the international market and other relevant factors.

To achieve higher sugar production to meet the domestic as well as export requirements, Government have already taken various steps such as increasing the statutory minimum price of sugarcane every year, announcing statutory minimum price in advance, change in the ratio of levy and free sale quota sanction of licences for new sugar factories and expansion of existing capacities, various incentive schemes and financial assistance for modernisation and cane development from Sugar Development Fund.

Telecast of films and songs of Dr. N.T. Rama Rao and Sri N. Balakrishna by Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad

1239. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad is not telecasting the films and songs of Dr. N.T. Rama Rao and Sri N. Balakrishna;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard from the general public; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such complaint appears to have been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Engineers and Junior Engineers in CPWD

1240. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Engineers and Junior Engineers recruited during the year 1988 in construction, maintenance/store, planning and valuation cells of CPWD; and

(b) the number of vacancies of Engineers and Junior Engineers in CPWD existing as on March 31, 1989 in the above categories?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The Information is given below:—

(i) Junior Engineer . .	91
(ii) Assistant Executive Engineer	27

The recruitment is made keeping in view the overall requirements and not separately for construction, maintenance/store, planning, design and valuation cells; etc.

(b) Category	No. of Vacancies
(i) Junior Engineer . .	543
(ii) Assistant Executive Engineer	14

Construction of cold storages

1241. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages in the country State-wise alongwith their capacity as on March 31, 1989;